(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to appoint a woman doctor at the Kasaragod taluk headquarters hospital; and

(c) whether they are aware that the woman doctor appointed for the Puttur taluk headquarters hospital sits and sees patients in the same room and at the same table along with the other medical man?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Yes; because the out-patient block of the hospital is a small one. The examination of women patients is, however, done by the woman doctor in the female dressing room.

Restrictions on the issue of medical certificates by L.I.M. certificate holders.

* 618 Q.—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the staff of Government School of Indian Medicine, Madras, are authorized to issue medical certificates to Government servants, but that the students who pass from the same school and hold certificates of L.I.M. are not allowed to do the same; and

(b) if so, on what grounds?

A.—(a) & (b).—Medical certificates granted to Government servants by the members of the staff of the Indian Medical School can be accepted only if the members—

(i) have registered their names under the Medical Registration Act (IV of 1914), or

(ii) are holders of the diploma of Licentiate in Indian Medicine and have their names registered under the rules for the registration of practitioners of Indian medicine approved by the Government.

Certificates granted by L.I.Ms. to Government servants examined or treated by them may be accepted if the L.I.Ms. have registered their names under the rules referred to in (ii) above.

Public Health

Progress of the scheme for the supply of drinking water from the Mettur reservoir to Salem.

* 619 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the scheme for the supply of drinking water to Salem Municipality from Mettur reservoir is;

(b) what the proposals are which the Government made to the municipality;

(c) whether the municipality of Salem has accepted the proposals;